

## **REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 3, and 6-17 have been amended to improve clarity and antecedent support, claims 2 and 4-5 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 18-21 have been added. No new matter is introduced. Support for the recitations may be found, for instance, on pages 12-16 of the Specification of the present application.

Claims 1, 3, and 6-21 are pending and under consideration.

## **CLAIM OBJECTIONS:**

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 1 and 9 are objected to for spelling errors. In response, the claims have been amended to correct the spelling errors.

## **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112:**

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness.

In response, the claims have been amended to improve clarity and antecedent support.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the § 112, second paragraph rejections of the claims be withdrawn.

## **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:**

In the Office Action, at page 4, claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,487,540 to Smith et al. ("Smith"). This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Smith generally describes a wireless system of which a vendor device 20 sends an electronic receipt to a wireless terminal 2 of a user and the wireless terminal 2 sends the received electronic receipt to a computer device 30 to classify and collect it. See col. 3, lines 45-55. The cited reference describes that the vendor device 20 is used as a cash register, automatic vending machine, or a barcode reader. See col. 5, lines 45-50.

However, Smith is silent as to teaching or suggesting, "sending said goods purchase information to said mobile terminal from said register terminal in response to a prompt from settlement key of said goods settlement information in said register terminal," as recited in independent claim 1. There is no teaching or suggestion in the cited reference of a calculation or a processing of a settlement as in the recitations of the claims. Although Smith provides a wireless protocol, the cited reference does not broach the concept of providing a calculation or processing of goods settlement information as in the recitations of the presently claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to the claims be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION:**

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner's contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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